(*b*) Whether the public or the district officers were consulted on their abolition ?

(*c*) Whether they are aware that, by their abolition, Government have deprived the rural population of police protection ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—46. (*a*) One hundred and forty-three out-posts and eighty-one police stations.

(*b*) The District Police Superintendents were consulted in the matter and detailed enquiries were made as to the retention or otherwise of stations.

(*c*) An effective beat system has been organised under which every village will be visited by the police, thereby affording better protection to the public than before.

MR. BHUPALAM NANJUNDIAH (Hosadurga Taluk).—

Q.—47. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether the delay in the delivery of *tappals* at Hosadurga owing to the non-stoppage of mail train at Hosadurga Road Railway Station and the inconvenience caused thereby to the Government work and to the public has been brought to the notice of Government ?

(*b*) Whether the Government will be pleased to address the railway authorities to arrange for the mail train being stopped at the Hosadurga Road Railway Station to avoid such inconvenience ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.—

A.—47. (*a*) Government are not aware of any complaint in the matter.

It would appear the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway have suggested to the Postmaster-General, that if the mails for Hosadurga Road were removed From No. 2 Down Mail at Chikjajur, they could go forward by No. 8 Parcel Express and be at Hosdurga Road at 2-14 hours which is early enough, and those from No. 1 Up Mail, if unloaded at Shivani at 4-39 hours could go by road to Hosadurga.

The reply of the Postmaster-General is awaited.

(*b*) The Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway, who was addressed in the matter states that this question was investigated on receipt of a petition from the

municipality of the town of Hosadurga and it was found that there was not enough traffic to justify stopping the mails at that station.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA (Holalkere Taluk).—

Q.—48. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When was the Shankara Trading Syndicate registered and where is its headquarters ?

(*b*) Who are its directors ?

(*c*) Whether any balance sheet and accounts are published by this syndicate as required by law; and if so, when were they received last ?

(*d*) Whether it is doing any business at all ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—48. (*a*) 20th February 1925, Bangalore City.

(*b*) Mr. H. Venkatadasappa, Land-holder and Shanbhogue, Honnudike.

Mr. Patel Channabasappa, Land-holder, Kunkamanhalli, Tumkur Taluk.

Mr. M. Krishnaswami Rao, Land-holder, Visvesvarapuram, Bangalore City.

(*c*) No balance sheet has been received. The certificate entitling the company to commence business was granted on 2nd May 1930.

(*d*) No business had been done till 17th October 1931.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA (Holalkere Taluk).—

Q.—49. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether the Government have perused the serious allegations published in the various newspapers and pamphlets regarding thesevere flogging of the political prisoners in the Central Jail, Bangalore ?

(*b*) If so, who is responsible for this and what are the reasons for the same ?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to hold an enquiry in the matter at an early date ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—49. (*a*) They had been brought to the notice of Government.